

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

By Cheryl Healey chair@seaforthpac.net

What a fantastic month of May we've had here at Seaforth! Sports Day was wild with excitement. Hat's off to Mrs. Moore and Mr. Lapthorne for their Sports Day costumes and enthusiasm. The students demonstrated phenomenal sportsmanship as they all worked together for a grand opening ceremony. There was standing room only available to the parents and family members who came by to cheer our students on.

The many volunteers, teachers and staff who donate their most valuable gift of time to our students were guests at the Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Lunch May 23rd. This event is held to recognise the efforts and contribution Seaforth community members have made. The lunch was catered by Burnaby Mountain Secondary School as our talented Seaforth students provided entertainment. Special thanks to Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Dawe and the Honour Choir for their performance of "Heart of a Volunteer." I've included the lyrics for those of you who were not able to attend.



Heart of a Volunteer

Risin' up to make our school great
Gave your time, gave your effort
The events you organize and create
Help our school be a fun place to be.

A full-time job with no money in it
You do the hard work for free
Carnival, Spirit Day and Hot Lunch
Special days that you plan for me.

**It's the help of the parents who are
volunteers
Risin' up to the challenge of our planning
And the help is appreciated by all of us
So we want to say thank you to you!
Volunteers!**

So many times you're our inspiration
You give us knowledge and passion
You give us guidance and you show us the
way
Got the will and the skill to succeed.

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Volunteers, where would we be without you
Without your help we'd be lost
There's so many other things you can do
Like the PAC! Let us know when you can start.
(spoken)

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**Lyrics by: The 2014 Honour Choir, Mrs. Dawe,
and Mrs. Hope**



The much anticipated **Stream of Dreams** fish project has now been completed. Each of our students and their teachers had fun being creative with the colorful pallet carefully selected by our very own in house artist and teacher Mrs. Jones. Students were given an eco-education with a focus on local watersheds, rivers and the ocean. If you would like to catch a glimpse of these fantastic fish head down to the fence on the east side of the lower field along Piper and Government Road.



The **Seaforth Carnival** was a grand finale for our school year. Many of you were able to join us for this festive **bi-annual** tradition on May 30th. A few of you may even have taken a turn in the human sized inflatable hamster ball for Crisscross Crash! Many of these memories were captured in the photos taken at the photo booth this year and shared with family members. Thank you to the many parents who contributed their baking to the cake walk enthusiastically received by our winners. The tattoo artist provided colorful body art for those lined up to be painted. Food from our concession was appreciably devoured by the many hungry carnival guests. It was a great day in our Seaforth community.

With the year coming to a close I would like to reflect on the enormous efforts of all our Seaforth volunteers. What we accomplished this year would not be possible without you. Every person, every hour of your time combined made the events of the past year possible. Without our great community being able to work together, none of these events would take place. Thank you, to all of you for making this a wonderful place for our students to grow up. Thank you for being so involved in their lives and making such a big difference in our community.

THANK YOU to all our awesome volunteers! Please take a Bow.....

The 2013/2014 PAC Executives

Cheryl Healey	Chairperson
Jen Mezei	Vice Chairperson/DPAC
Jennifer Duinkerke	Treasurer
Hark Sandhu	Treasure
Priyanka Arora	Secretary
Rhylin Bailie	Past Chairperson
Cynthia Ghanason	CPF
Patricia Fula	DPAC
Sandra Mankoo	Member at Large
Sharon Sami	Member at Large
Zena Kwan	Member at Large
Annemarie Shumas	Member at Large
Rhylin Bailie	School Planning Council
Siva Ramesh	School Planning Council
Jen Mezei	School Planning Council

It's been a fun 2013/2014 School year with the PAC sponsoring the following activities and projects.

September 3rd PAC hosted a coffee shack welcoming back families to our school and offering parents the opportunity to socialize and enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments.

September 18th and 19th PAC open house corresponding with our September Book Fair. Thank you again to Michelle Sherwood, Birdie Chan, Suzanne Belanger, Jennifer Heft, Joanne Lee, Siva Ramesh, Leanne Fung and Ammi Tran for organizing the book fair.

October 15th-18th PAC sponsored Family Photo night. Thank you to Anne Einsten, Ashley Tattrie, Betty Eng, Birdie Chan, Eszter Nemeth, Jeniffer Heft, Joanne Lee, Nazanin Manglory, Suzanne Belanger and Suzanna Garcia and Siva Ramesh

October 28th PAC Seaforth Spook at Boston Pizza

November 19th Art Cards by Kids offered to participating classrooms. Students were able to create holiday themed artwork and have it printed onto seasonal greeting cards.

December 1-12th PAC Angel Project collected toy donations from the Seaforth Community for the Burnaby Christmas Bureau.

December 31st Seaforth Families pulled together to raise an amazing \$7806.56 for our classrooms through the PAC Donation Request Letter.

December 13th PAC partnered with Seaforth Staff for the Jingle Bell Walk by providing donations from Tim Hortons of hot chocolate and TimBits to our students and volunteers.

December 20th PAC funded a Santa Breakfast. Thank you to Dal Sidhu, Meishan Cheung, Yogita Rewatker and Birdie Chan who organized the event with help from over 40 volunteers.

December 20th PAC sent home 500 snowmen cookies, with help from Starbucks at Lougheed Mall, to our students to start off their winter break. Seasonal cheer was also shared with Edmonds Community School. PAC was able to deliver the extra 300 cookies and candy canes to the Edmonds student population as well that same day.

April 8th PAC coffee shack after school with mini Easter Egg hunt.

April 25th Spirit Day at Seaforth. Thank you to Gail Su and her team Janet Lee, Paulina Chow-White, Lisa Framingham, Marie Dickens, Eva Yip Cheryl Tong, Ester Nemeth, June Brimacombe and Mary Holmes

April 27th Seaforth Sun Run Team. Thank you to Rhylin Bailie who organized this year's Sun Run team.

May 16th Sports Day PAC Concession. Thank you to Hark Sandhu for organizing the concession and to her team of volunteers who covered shifts that day: Jen Mezei, Cheryl Healey, Michelle Sherwood, Kristy McKinnon, Penny Chisholm, Donna Hwang, Sony, Diane Roper, Gail Su, Lisa Qian, Lynn Vidler, Sharon Sami, Andrea Howes, Annette, Phyllis Tong Vilma, Teri Lam, Rita Wu, and Ester Von Horn.

May 26-30th Stream of Dreams project. Thank you to Cheryl Chung who organized the parent group of volunteers who assisted with this project.

May 30th Seaforth Carnival. Thank you to Zena Kwan and Annie Hobson who chaired this year's Carnival with help from their enthusiastic team members and volunteers: Vilma Castellani, , Ferzana Jamani, Janet Lee, Karine Nishimura, Rosa Olynyk, Kim Rieger, Desiree Sayson, Gail Su, Lynne Vidler, Cheryl Healey, Jackie and Evan Clark, Jan Radford, Jodi Tabuchi, Judy Lim, Ken Yao, Klaudia Williams, Kristy McKinnon, Lindsey Graham, Lisa Buysse, Lynn Lim, Manju Basappa, Marie Dickens, Meera Sriragy, Nonni Karp, Penny Chisholm, Phyllis Tong, Prav Nijjar, Roger Lee, Shelly Fry, Siva Ramesh, Steve Regan, Susan Regan, Suzanna Garcia, Suzanne Belanger, Wendy O'Shea, Wendy Won, Winnie Chong, Zhu Jiang.

**Let's not forget about the other PAC
Sponsored programs offered at École
Seaforth Elementary School!**



Terrific Tuesdays. Thank you to Cheryl Chung who organized these fun filled Tuesday lunch hour programs for our primary students throughout the year.



Seaforth Hot Lunch Program.

This program is administered by your Seaforth PAC and run by a team of coordinators. Thank you to Rishma Vallani, who will be moving on this year for after her years of dedication helping coordinate the Hot Lunch program. Angela Garcia, Meishan Cheung, Adrienne Dall'Antonai and Munch a Lunch helpers Sandra and Max Mankoo and Debbie Bailey and Bonnie Kao. Thank you as well to our grade 6 and 7 helpers who delivered lunches to classrooms on lunch days.



Check-A-Child.

Thank you to Janet Lee, Sharon Sami, Annie Hobson, Kristy McKinnon, Michelle Sherwood, Phyllis Tong, Carol Zhang, Joanne Lee, Priyanka Arora, Carla Piscopo.



Popcorn Fridays.

Thank you to Adrienne Dall'Antonai, Anne Einstein and Nazanin Manglory for organizing these wonderfully aromatic and delicious days.



Seaforth Scholarship.

This year's \$500 scholarship was awarded to Shaireen Cassamali from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School.



Rainy Day Boxes . Thank you to

Anne Deliyannides who organized these well used boxes

for our students. She is once again collecting items for the rainy day boxes

for next school year - if you have gently used games (with all the pieces please), puzzles, art supplies, playing cards or anything that would be great for kids to play with during the rainy days at recess and lunch time, it would be greatly appreciated. Anne has kindly offered to pick up items donated for the boxes and can be reached at 604-415-4550 or via email at anne_d@telus.net

Crosswalk Volunteers.

Thank you to our parent crosswalk volunteers: Lisa Framingham Janet Lee, Jun Liu, Sung Eun Lim, Yogita Rewatkar, Yongmei Wu, Helen Lin, Dal Sidhu and Anne Deliyannides



**Childcare Coordinator for PAC
General Meetings.**



Thank you to Adrienne Dall'Antonai for organizing all our awesome grade 7 students who volunteered to look after the children at our PAC Meetings.

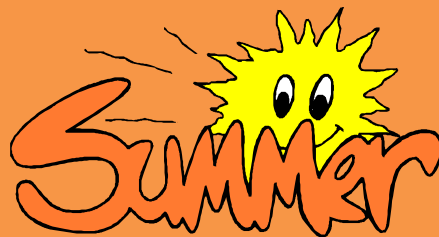
Awesome Volunteers

If have missed anyone from the PAC Thank you list I do apologize. The list was compiled with as much accuracy as possible. Your contributions and time are all valued.



The Parent Advisory Council AGM will be **June 25th 7pm at Charles Rummel Community Centre.** We will be voting on how to distribute the budget surplus for this year and holding elections for the 2014/2015 PAC Executive. The following positions will be available: **Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, District Parent Advisory Council Representative, Canadian Parents for French Representative, and Members at Large.**

Childcare and refreshments will be provided. PAC meetings are open to all Seaforth parents and guardians. Special Guest Donna Savoie from Burnaby Parks and Recreation will be joining us and looking for your ideas on Fall Leisure guide programs for our community. Please come by and join us.



Enjoy your summer and I'll see you back in September for another fun filled year. Don't forget PAC will be hosting a Coffee Shack with lots of goodies in the morning on our first day in September. Please join us at the front entrance of the school to catch up and meet your new 2014/2015 PAC Executives.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
École Seaforth Elementary School

chair@seaforthpac.net

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

April 9th 2014 General Meeting

- 1.Welcome and introductions
2. Motion of approval for January 8th General Meeting Minutes
Motion to accept the minutes approved by Sandra and Jennifer.

Report from the Chairperson

We are now entering the final few months of the school year and it seems as if we are going to be finishing with several events, each worthy of being a grand finale. Spirit Day is around the corner, followed by our Stream of Dreams fence project, Carnival, and Sports day. There are exciting times ahead!

Seaforth is very fortunate to have so many dedicated parents, guardians, teachers and students who contribute their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to benefit our children and community. I firmly believe that if you want great things to happen, you have to be a part of that process. One of the most valuable things we all possess is time. We all can appreciate its true value when we are rewarded with the joy and laughter from our children when our efforts are received.

With May and June on the horizon, PAC Executive elections are quickly approaching and there are a number of positions that will be available: Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Canadian Parents for French Representative, District Parent Advisory Council Representative, and School Planning Council. I'll also be looking for Members at Large to join our team. Elections will be held at our June 11th AGM. Please feel free to chat with me if you are interested in any of these positions.

Janet Lee, our Check-A-Child coordinator will be moving on next year after her years of dedication to the safety of our children. If you are able to volunteer next year and fill this important position please contact myself or Janet Lee to learn more about what this role involves.

“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.” --DeAnn Hollis

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
École Seaforth Elementary School

Principal Report

École Seaforth Elementary School
Principal's Report to PAC
9 April 2014

2013 / 2014

CLASS ENROLLMENT

Date: 31 March 2014

DIV	TEACHER	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
1	Moore, Debbie								28	28
2	Lapthorne, Glen							10	18	28
3	Lucarelli, Gino							7	21	28
4	Whitney, Tasha						9	15		24
5	Mollica, Tina						9	18		27
6	Bisceglia, Teresa						10	17		27
7	Boulanger, Jennifer					15	12			27
8	March, George					16	8			24
9	Bastone, Elena					18	9			27
10	Richter, Anne Louise				15	6				21
11	Glavas, Lynda / Lundie, Carolyn			9	14					23
12	Hanson, Loraine				23					23
13	Gayton, Renee			17	7					24
14	Kaga, Kathy		6	14						20
15	Sharples, Lorelei		17	7						24
16	Papapanagiotou, Soula	11	10							21
17	Robson, Kari		21							21
18	Graham, Pat		11	11						22
19	Tazumi, Pam	21								21
20	Hope, Stephanie	19								19
21	Gillingham, Megan	20								20
	French Immersion TOTALS	31	27	24	22	22	17	22	21	186
	English TOTALS	40	38	34	37	33	40	45	46	313

	Total Students	499
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Please see the enrolment report above.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Student Led/Parent-Teacher Conferences prior to Spring Break. I know our students were very excited to show the work they have been collecting over the past few months. I heard comments from parents about how impressed they were with what their children had been doing particularly with the ipads in the Library. Thanks to all staff for making these conferences possible and thanks to Ms. Higgins for providing an opportunity for parents to see what their children can do on the ipads. The Library certainly was a popular place those two afternoons.

We have had a couple of staffing changes since the break. Mme Gayton is now off on maternity leave. Mme May has taken her place for the remainder of the year. Mr. Ewert has taken Mme May's place. We were very fortunate to make these changes as French Immersion teachers are currently in very high demand in the district. Mr. Ewert has been at Seaforth many times this year as a TOC and knows many of our students. We are very happy to have him join our staff until the end of June.

Track and Field Season is well underway. M March, Ms. Higgins, Mrs. Bastone and Mrs. Hope are coaching track for us this year. Students are practicing and getting ready for the various meets coming up in the short track season. Your child should have given you a schedule of practice times and meets already if they are participating in track. A reminder to parents if they are driving for Track that they need to have a Criminal Records Check completed as well as a Volunteer Drivers Abstract Form filled out and on file with the Office.

We continue to have problems with parents using both of the staff parking lots. I have mentioned this at PAC meetings and addressed it in newsletters many times. As I have said in the past, on many days, there is not adequate parking for staff. Parents using the designated staff parking lots only complicates this already troublesome problem even further. I know that parents feel they are only going to be there for a quick minute or two but even that is problematic. We are requesting that parents not use the designated staff parking lots at all. There are signs posted at each one that clearly designate these as Staff Parking Only. Parents need to be more respectful of these signs. Children being dropped off in parking lots and walking through them, is also a safety concern.

Summer Session information will be sent home with students later this week. Parents require their child's PEN in order to register. This number can be found on your child's Report Card issued last month. You will need this number in order to register for Summer Session. This number does not change for your child as long as they remain in public school in BC.

Upcoming Events:

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April 18 – Good Friday – HOLIDAY
- ✓

April 21 – Easter Monday – HOLIDAY
- ✓

April 22 – Terrific Tuesday
- ✓

April 25 – Spirit Day
- ✓

April 28 – District Pro D Day – No School for Students
- ✓

May 2 – Beginning Band Festival at Armstrong
- ✓

May 13 – Terrific Tuesday
- ✓

May 15 – School Panorama Photo
- ✓

May 16 – Sports Day – Early Dismissal
- ✓

May 19 – Victoria Day – HOLIDAY
- ✓

May 23 – Parent Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- ✓

May 26 – 30 – Stream of Dreams Fence Project
- ✓

May 30 - Carnival

Treasurer Report
Banking information as of May 31st
General has \$33,426
Gaming has \$ 14,428
Munch n lunch-Paypal account \$21,307 which we'll be transferring today

Fundraising
Popcorn sales - \$1736
Hot lunch - \$10,946
Cost for repairing popcorn machine was \$130

Committee Updates:

CPF
Registration for the two week French camp at Seaforth is going well.
CPF has grant money available for cultural performances.

Stream of Dreams
The Meet and greet yesterday went very well. We had a good response from parents who registered to volunteer for the Stream of Dreams fence project and Carnival. We had a mini Easter Egg hunt and the students and their parents enjoyed all the goodies that where generously baked/donated by our awesome parent helpers. Thank you.

Carnival

Meeting tomorrow night starting with sign-up sheet. Zena and Annie are doing a great job with the aid of a fantastic Carnival committee. Annie is shadowing Zena this year as it Zena's last year at Seaforth. Zena has done an amazing job and will be missed. Lots of volunteers will be needed on May 30th to make Carnival a success.

Seaforth PAC Constitution and Bylaw amendment.

There was a motion to approve the proposed amendment of the Seaforth PAC Constitution and Bylaw. The Motion successfully passes. The amendment will be as follows:

SECTION VIII – ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. The executive officers shall be elected from the voting members at the Annual General Meeting. An employee or elected official of the Burnaby School District or Ministry of Education shall not hold the position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Treasurer.

Seaforth Scholarship

Requirements were sent to Burnaby Mountain and Cariboo Hill. There was a tight deadline for applicants and both Mountain and Cariboo were to present their top three students. The Seaforth Scholarship committee will review the top three applicants and will present the successful candidate with the Scholarship at the Mountain Grad Ceremonies held at the end of May.

Playground

The Playground Committee has been working hard with various companies to come up with an approved design concept for a multi-use sport court. The most recent design was displayed. Fundraising is ongoing towards a new playground and Sport Court. Funds come from our Hot Lunch program and Popcorn Fridays. Our goal is to raise \$80 000.00.

Crosswalk

More help is always needed. We appreciate the time our volunteers have taken to supervise our students. There are a few days that still need to be covered. If anyone is able to volunteer before or after school, please contact Cheryl Healey at chair@seaforthpac.net

9. New business / Q&A

Mrs.J Boulanger was a special guest at the meeting discussing the status of current negotiations between BCTF and the government.